

RAILROADS WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO OWNERS JAN. 1

WALL ST. INVOLVED IN SUPREME COURT "LEAK" HINES ASKS

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Seepe Broadens as Inquiry Brings New Angles.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(By Staff Correspondent I. N. Service.)—The railroad situation today is considerably tangled. Strong opposition of the Cummins bill for the return of the railroads has developed in the senate and there is no doubt as to whether that matter can be passed before the Christmas holidays.

Many of the members of the senate are awaiting word from the president before they will consent to a final vote on the Cummins bill.

PREPARING MESSAGE. The president is preparing a message on the railroad question, but there is no indication as to when it will be sent to congress, or whether it will be sent before the Christmas recess.

There is strong likelihood that the president will ask that the Christmas recess be deferred.

While the president's attitude is being very carefully guarded, there is every indication that the railroads will not go to private ownership on January 1 as has been expected.

HINES WANTS LEGISLATION. Director General Hines of the railroad administration has constantly taken the position that the roads must not be returned until there has been protective legislation passed. He has made a report with recommendations to the president on the situation and it is understood that he has advised that the president keep control of the roads until there is definite assurance of the passage of railroad legislation.

WILL TAKE TIME. The each bill, which has passed the house, and the Cummins bill are widely different measures and will take many weeks in conference to iron out the differences. Even if the Cummins bill is passed before the Christmas holidays there is slight hope that a final bill could be sent to the president before February.

CHABE SAYS VARADY HAD STILL ON FARM. Farmer's Statement Makes Matter Still Worse for Daniel.

Steve Chabe, who has a farm just south of Hammond, is now in the federal drag-net charged with making wine and is held on \$1,000 bond. The federal authorities, however, are not so much interested in Steve's wine making activities as they are in his admission that Dan Varady of Indiana Harbor, had a still on his farm. Steve claims that while the still was on the farm he had never used it but the federal authorities claim to have information which will prove that the still was used. Varady had taken the still from the farm before Chabe was arrested.

Varady, who was implicated by the confession of the Kish family in making whiskey, is now under \$2,000 bond. Confessions of members of the Kish family led the federal authorities to believe that Varady was operating several stills and efforts are being made to obtain additional evidence to prove their claims.

CAR WITH WORLD'S RECORD IS COMING. Automobile owners will find much of interest in a roadster Exeter touring car which is slated to reach Hammond this evening at 5 o'clock. The machine which is said to have set the world's record for endurance, will be on display at the South Shore Auto Salesroom, Hohman and Russell st., until 8 o'clock. It is on its way to Chicago from Indianapolis, where it has just finished a continuous fifty-hour grind at the speedway in which it averaged 60.07 miles per hour. The highest speed was seventy-four miles per hour and in the fifty hours it traveled a total of 3,028 miles. It is said to be an ordinary four-cylinder stock machine.

TRAIN HITS TRUCK; BREAKS DRIVER'S LEG. Frank Argentine, 352 Plummer Ave., Hammond, had his leg broken and a big truck belonging to the John F. Wilhelm Co., was badly damaged on Wednesday afternoon when a north-bound Erie freight train caught the truck at the Calumet avenue crossing in Hammond. Argentine was driving north on Calumet avenue, with a load of cement blocks and failed to see the approaching train. He drove in front of it.

Argentine was taken to St. Margaret's hospital in the police ambulance where he received surgical attention.

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GRAND JURY AFTER SUGAR PROFITEERS. INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE. CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—A federal grand jury here began hearing evidence today against thirty-eight Chicago sugar dealers, who, it is charged, have been profiteering in sugar.

The grand jury will give special consideration to violations of the Lever law.

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Swap Wine for Water With Meals

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE. PARIS, Dec. 18.—Doctors attending Premier Clemenceau who is suffering from a fractured rib have ordered him to take several days of complete rest immediately after the German treaty becomes effective.

M. Clemenceau has broken a life-long rule by taking wine with his meals. He has always been an abstemious, but on account of his weakened condition his physicians advised him to drink wine instead of water with his food.

The aged premier attends the sessions of the supreme council propped up in a chair. His injured rib is tightly bandaged all of the time. M. Clemenceau is having a difficult time to get his rest. He sleeps badly at night and is compelled to take short naps during the day.

MRS. TABOR PASSES THROUGH HAMMOND TO FACE ACCUSERS

Aged Woman Apparently Unworn by Seven-Day Journey.

(BULLETIN) Mrs. Sarah Tabor, accused of complicity in the murder of her daughter, Mauda Tabor Virgo, at Lawton, Mich., passed through Hammond this morning on the Michigan Central train due at 7:59 o'clock. The aged woman is on her way from Yreka, Calif., to be present at the coroner's inquest at Lawton. Passengers on the train from Chicago this morning found a large part of one car had been reserved for Mrs. Tabor, her son Walter, a deputy prosecuting attorney and several other officers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Sarah Tabor, eighty-year old mother of Mauda Tabor whose body was found concealed in a trunk in the family home in Lawton, Mich., passed through Chicago early today enroute to Lawton, where she will face charges in connection with the death of her daughter. She is accused of first degree murder, along with Joseph Virgo, an undertaker, who also is under arrest.

Accompanying Mrs. Tabor in the east today is H. H. Adams, special prosecutor from Michigan and other officers was Walter Tabor, her son, and brother of the slain girl.

Apparently unworn by the seven-day train journey from Yreka, Cal., where she was arrested, the aged woman appeared to be in the best of spirits.

Both Mrs. Tabor and her son refused to talk here and, according to Prosecutor Adams, have declined to discuss the case during the trans-continental journey. Both will be taken before the coroner's jury at the inquest in Lawton tomorrow and questioned as to their knowledge of circumstances surrounding Mauda Tabor's death.

REPUBLIC PLANT RESUMES MONDAY

Officials of the Republic Iron & Steel Company of East Chicago announced today that the plant, which has been closed since December 1 on account of coal shortage, would resume operations again Monday morning. The report had gained circulation that the factory had closed until at least January 1 and it is feared that some of the workmen have left the company.

The officials have been able to have a quantity of coal diverted to the East Chicago plant and this supply will be ample to carry over until the regular shipments on the way now from the mines begin to arrive. It is believed that the supply from now on will be such that there will be no more tie-ups from that source this winter.

SHERIFF BARNES HAS APPENDICITIS

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) CROWN POINT, Ind., Dec. 18.—Sheriff Lew Barnes was taken suddenly sick on Monday afternoon and the physician in charge decided that an immediate operation for appendicitis was necessary. Dr. John Dill Robertson, health commissioner of Chicago, will perform the operation which will take place at the Jefferson Park hospital.

The operation was performed Tuesday at the Jefferson hospital in Chicago. Wednesday night Mr. Barnes suffered a relapse and his attendants were worried, but he rallied and at noon today it was said that indications were favorable for a rapid recovery.

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DEMOCRATS WILL GATHER JANUARY 8

First Broadside to Be Delivered at Meeting of National Committee in Washington.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS. STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The probability is to be the bitterest political fight in the history of the country will date from January 8 for on that day the biggest rally the democratic party ever held will take place here and some 15 representative speakers will deliver a broadside, as a salute to the republicans that they accept battle.

At 10 o'clock in the morning of that day the democratic national committee will meet at the Shoreham hotel to decide on the time and place of the democratic same day, at the New Willard. will come the great "Jackson Day" rally at a dinner of eight hundred plates, which in itself contributes a record for such an occasion. In addition there will be places for more than three hundred guests who will arrive with the coffee to listen to the speeches.

Women will participate in both the morning session and the evening rally at which there will be at least two women speakers and possibly more. There is already made up a woman's associated democratic national committee, composed of the other committee is composed, but as this is the organization's debut in national politics, its status remains to be fixed. This will be done at the day of the regular committee at which the women will probably be given parallel rights and duties to perform.

In the past the District of Columbia democrats have always given a dinner to the national committee following its quadrennial meeting here, but this year the affair will be under the auspices of the committee and it is expected to make the dinner "pay for itself." The price will be \$5 a plate. The democrats deny they have in mind anything like the plan which (Continued on page two.)

GIRLS BARRED FROM NEW TRIAL AT LOS ANGELES

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE. LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 18.—Indicting forthcoming evidence of a highly sensational nature as soon as a jury is finally selected and the taking of testimony is begun, Judge Gavin W. Craig, before whom Harry S. New Jr. is being tried for murder, today issued an order barring young girls from the trial. New killed his sweetheart, Freda Lesser, on last July 4.

Deputy sheriffs posted at the entrance to the court room were instructed to warn all young girls that the court required them not to attend the trial.

Since the start of the trial fully one-third of the spectators have been girls under twenty years of age. Only a few were accompanied by persons who might be viewed as chaperones.

The prospect of obtaining a jury for the trial seemed better today. Twelve temporary jurors were called and when the case was resumed today but those all were subject to peremptory challenge. However, as both the defense and prosecution have repeatedly failed to excuse a majority of the twelve, two of whom are women, it was believed that many of them are acceptable.

HAMMOND POLICE UNCOVER ANOTHER GAMBLING PLACE

Hammond police raided the Dubois & Switzer soft drink saloon at 136 State st. Wednesday night and brought in the proprietors and inmates on gambling charges. The officers had been tipped that a game was on there so Capt. Strong with Officers Bando, Einsle and Bell planned the haul.

Those arrested were Jake Schroeder, keeper of the game; George Krisko, 116 State st.; George Kellman, 141 Sibley st.; Robert Schader, 611 Oakley ave.; William Bell, 173 Sheffield ave.; James Long, 745 Calumet ave.; Stanley Schuler, 595 State Line st.; Tom Moore, 192 State st.; George Anderson, 71 Sibley st.; Tom Hill, 83 Plummer ave.; Ed Martini, 779 Claude st.; Louis Schultz, 614 Oakley ave.; Charles Jacques, 162 State st.; Charles Griffin, 371 Johnson st. All were taken to the police station, where Switzer and Dubois put up \$50 bond as proprietors and also arranged \$25 bond for each of the others.

HOW GRAVES OF U. S. SOLDIERS IN FRANCE LOOK TODAY



This unusual photograph, taken at the American cemetery at Chauvencourt, France, shows how the graves of our hero dead in France were decorated Christmas day last year. Patriotic and civic organizations in the French republic worked together this year to see that the grave of every U.S. soldier bore a wreath today. While many homes in America will be saddened today by the absence of these war heroes there will be some solace in the thought that the boys are not forgotten over there.

FEDERAL AGENTS GRAB MAKERS OF WINE IN WHITING

Spend Whole Day Raiding Soft Drink Parlors Of City.

The Federal authorities yesterday switched their attention from Indiana Harbor and fastened it upon Whiting with the result that warrants have been issued by United States Commissioner Surridge for three Whiting men and they will appear today to give bond for their appearance before the federal court to answer the charge of making wine. Six government officials were in Whiting all day yesterday conducting raids on soft drink parlors and will continue the raids today.

Emil Dedinsky, 531 Front street, Alexander Zvonar, 807 Schraage ave., and John Klein, 791 Schraage avenue, were all arrested charged with making intoxicating wine. In the basement of one building more than a thousand gallons of wine were taken and nearly a ton of grapes were ready to work.

The raids of the government officials came as a result of the disclosure a few days ago that intoxicating liquors were being sold in Whiting when Steve Mikulas crawled onto the railroad tracks while in a drunken condition and was killed. The government officials also received a letter from a Whiting man who told of different places which were selling liquor and offered to help in locating the offenders. The agents are today investigating the Mikulas case and prosecution will probably be lodged in the federal court within a few days.

All the wine seized was sealed by the revenue men and will await the order for disposition.

OPEN EVENINGS BEGINNING FRIDAY

In order to give Christmas shoppers a few more hours in which to make their purchases, proprietors of the stores of Hammond have decided to keep their places open until 9 o'clock each evening beginning Friday. This practice will be followed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Owing to the restrictions which were put upon the business houses during the fuel shortage only a fraction of the customers could be waited upon and the rush now is such that the merchants cannot hope to handle the trade without taking advantage of the evening hours.

HAMMOND FOLKS GO TO FLORIDA

Show and cold weather has started the exodus of Hammond people to warmer climes for the winter. Dr. Robert Gillis leaves tonight by way of New Orleans for the Isle of Pines, where he will join Mrs. Gillis and daughter, who have been there for the last six weeks. Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Bell expect to leave tonight on the Seminole Limited for their winter home at St. Petersburg, Fla. On the same train will also be Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Escher, who are going to Miami, Fla. to spend the winter. Mrs. Escher's health has not been well for two months and it is believed the change will greatly benefit her.

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FURNISHES FIRST CASE UNDER NEW AUTO THEFT ACT

Hammond Police Turn Automobile Thieves Over to Federal Agents.

The first case in the Calumet District to come under the new National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, received attention today when Ralph Roda and Horace M. Jackson, two Hammond men, were arraigned before United States Commissioner Surridge and charged with stealing the automobile of William May and transporting it to Cleveland, Ohio where it was sold.

The new act went into effect on October 23 of this year and provides that "whoever shall transport or cause to be transported in interstate or foreign commerce a motor vehicle, knowing the same to have been stolen, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment of not more than five years or both." It also provides the same punishment for any person receiving, concealing, storing, buying or selling a motor vehicle that the person knows to have been stolen. The term "motor vehicle" includes automobile, automobile trucks, automobile wagons, motorcycles or any other self-propelled vehicles not designed for running on rails.

This case is the first to come before the attention of Commissioner Surridge and is believed to be the first prosecution under the law in this state. The theft of the automobile in question in this case occurred on October 29 and was then transported to Cleveland and sold during the first few days of November. The car was the property of William May of Hammond.

After an attempted sale to a garage man had failed the two are alleged to have enlisted his services and with him as reference a sale to another man was accomplished. Their arrest came when they attempted the sale of some stolen tires in Hammond last week.

Roda has been located in business in Hammond, his home being in Black Oak and Jackson came from Wilkinson, Indiana, about two years ago to enter the employ of the railroad company at Okeon. Jackson asserts that the railroad company drove him to steal by throwing him out of work after he had been injured in an accident while working on June 22. He asserts that he settled his claim against the company for \$185 and then was compelled to go to the hospital for a month after which the company refused to employ him and he was unable to work at any other occupation. Jackson admits he has done wrong but places the blame for his wrong-doings on the railroad company.

The case is of especial interest to automobile owners of the district who will watch to see how the new law will work in the elimination of automobile thefts.

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STANDARD OIL CO. EMPLOYEES ELECT REPRESENTATIVES

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) WHITING, Ind., Dec. 18.—The following employees' representatives were elected for the Industrial Relations Department of the Standard Oil Company on Tuesday, Dec. 16, to serve for the ensuing year:

First Division: K. M. Sinclair. Second Division: Jesse Abraham, John Charley and Thomas Hayes. Third Division: William Fuller and Frank Barr. Fourth Division: Peter A. Kosack, John Bodick and Paul Barber. Fifth Division: Nick Scholl and A. H. Raglow. Sixth Division: Charles Dudley, Thos. McFadden, Harry Lewis and John Krevich. Seventh Division: Andrew Barnum. Eighth Division: Joe Selser and John Chlusiak. Ninth Division: D. J. Gallagher. Tenth Division: Steve Dedinski and Joe Shawcroft. Eleventh Division: Frank M. Long.

HOPE TO OPEN NEW STEEL PLANT MAY 1

In hopes that they will be able to start the first unit of the plant by the first part of May, officials of the new \$3,000,000 Aetna Iron & Steel Company are making every possible effort to rush the work to completion. The concrete work for the massive foundations are now being put in.

The Aetna Iron & Steel corporation has taken title to the 400-acre tract upon which it will erect a \$3,000,000 sheet steel plant, steps will at once be taken by the officials to secure the extension and improvement of Fifteenth ave. eastward from Broadway to the southern boundary of the Aetna tract, two miles east of Broadway.

The former contract for the improvement of the thoroughfare from Broadway to the city limits on the east, has been cancelled by the county board, which will shortly advertise for new bids. It is also planned to carry the extension of the southern boundary of the Aetna tract to the east line of the same, and thence north to the town of Miller.

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